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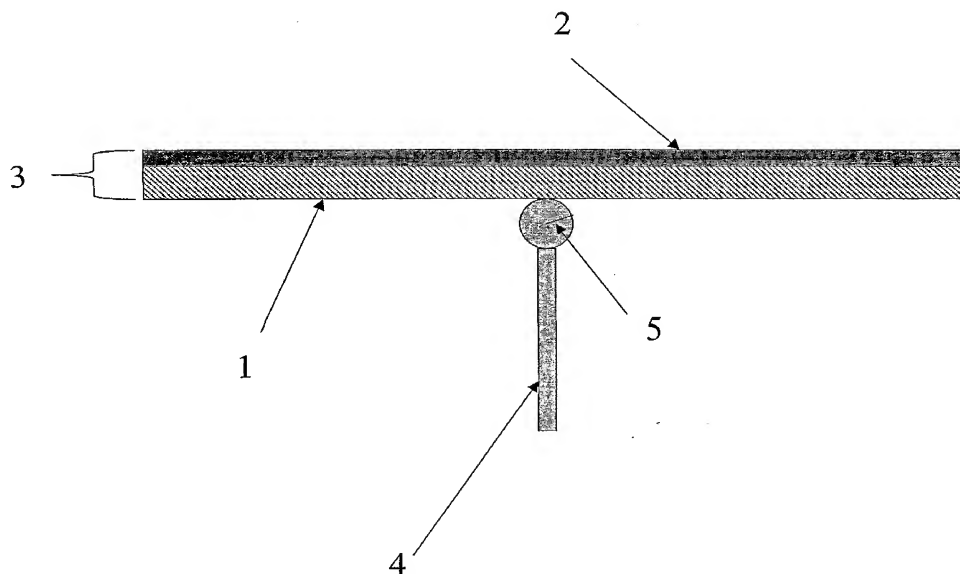
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(54) Title: A STAINLESS STEEL STRIP COATED WITH A DECORATIVE LAYER



(57) Abstract: The invention relates to a coated stainless steel strip (1) product with an evenly distributed layer (2) on one side or both sides of said strip. Said layer has a decorative appearance, the thickness of said layer is maximally 10 µm, the tolerance of said layer is maximally +/- 30 % of the layer thickness, the parameter value of  $L^*$ ,  $a^*$   $b^*$  is respectively  $0 < L^* < 95$ ,  $-66 < a^* < 64$ ,  $-90 < b^* < 70$ , the tolerance of said decorative appearance as expressed in terms of  $\Delta E$  is maximally 15 and the layer has such a good adhesion so that the coated steel strip when tested in soft-annealed condition can be bent more than 90° over a radius (5) maximally equal to  $5 \cdot t$ , where  $t$  is the thickness of said strip, without showing any tendency to flaking or the like.

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